

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. ~~An image data management system, comprising:~~

a plurality of printing stations with functions to read digital image data, to print the data by performing necessary image processing and to transmit or receive the image data;

a management system connected to each printing station via a network and used for identifying management data of each printing station and for distributing necessary data to each printing station; and

a server for turning the image data, being transmitted from each printing station to the management system, to database and for storing the data.

2. An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein the image data turned to database has image categories as attribute information.

3. An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein the image data turned to database contains an information for public disclosure of the image as attribute information.

4. An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said management system performs remote-controlled maintenance on each printing station based on a management data.

5. An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein, in said printing station, the user can specify an image to be printed as well as an image to be transferred to and stored in the management system from the

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